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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2001 for the above-referenced patent application. Applicant requests that the following be entered into the file of the above-referenced application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

7. (Thrice Amended) An apparatus for securing a grating sheet to structural members in a wave zone of an offshore platform, the grating sheet including an upper and lower surface, the apparatus comprising:

a top plate for mounting on the upper surface of the grating sheet, the top plate having a hole therein and upper and lower surfaces;

a bottom plate having an opening, the bottom plate being sized and shaped for attaching to the structural member in a laterally extending direction for supporting the grating sheet; and

a securing mechanism extending between the upper surface of the top plate and the opening of the bottom plate for clamping the top plate and bottom plate together, the